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In re the Application of: **Mitsuaki HORI et al.**

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METHODS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND PROCESS  
CONDITION EVALUATION METHOD**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.